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SUBJECT: BONGO MEETING WITH U.S. FIRMS -- FOLLOW -UP

--- VISIT BY OCEANIC CONTRACTORS, INC. EXECUTIVES

REF: STATE 233950

1. ROY R. STRIEKERT, JR., VICE PRESIDENT, OCEANIC CONTRACTORS, INC., PLANS TO VISIT LIBREVILLE OCTOBER 12-14 IN RESPONSE TO BONGO INVITATION TO MEET WITH HIM AGAIN IN GABON BEFORE OCTOBER 15 TO DISCUSS FIRM'S INTEREST IN SANTA CLARA PORT CONSTRUCTION. STRIEKERT WILL ARRIVE VIA UTA 781 AT 2020 HRS OCTOBER 11.

2. STRIEKERT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY JOHN W MC CARTE, GROUP VICE PRESIDENT AND D. J. CHOMEL, PROJECT COORDINATOR, MC DERMOTT HUDSON ENGINEERING, AN AFFILIATE OF OCEANIC CONTRACTORS. MC CARTE WILL ARRIVE VIA PA 186 AT 1910 HOURS OCTOBER 12. CHOMEL ARRIVES 0500 HOURS OCTOBER 13,
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VIA UTA 311, CHOMEL WILL SERVE AS INTERPRETER IN

ADDITION TO TECHNICAL SUPPORT ROLE.

3. STRIEKERT WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH BONGO OCTOBER 13, BUT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE OCTOBER 14. STRIEKERT PLANS TO SPEND OCTOBER 12 VIEWING SANTA CLARA SITES AS BASIS FOR MEETINGS.

4. OTHER APPOINTMENTS WHICH WOULD APPEAR NECESSARY OR VERY USEFUL TO ADVANCE OCEANIC CONTRACTORS PROSPECTS INCLUDE MINISTERS MAYILA, NTOUTOUME, RAWIRI AND DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PORTS AND HARBORS DAMAS. MAYILA AND NTOUTOUME WERE PRESENT DURING STRIEKERT'S NEW YORK MEETING WITH BONGO. THEIR AVAILABILITY AND EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT ARE, OF COURSE, OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS IN THIS MATTER.

5. IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE HIS RESPONSE TO BONGO'S INVITATION AND TO REFLECT BONGO'S STATED PREFERENCES RE COMMUNICATION, STRIEKERT WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONVEYING MESSAGE TO BONGO ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

-- I WAS GREATLY HONORED TO MEET YOU IN NEW YORK.
-- I APPRECIATE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU
-- OCEANIC CONTRACTORS' ROLE IN BUILDING SOME OF
-- GABON'S OFFSHORE OIL PRODUCTION FACILITIES
-- AND OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING
-- IN THE DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE GABONESE
-- ECONOMY. YOU WERE ESPECIALLY KIND TO INVITE
-- ME TO VISIT YOU IN GABON TO SEE FOR MYSELF THE
-- VIGOR OF GABON'S ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DISCUSS
-- FURTHER OUR INTEREST IN DOING THE CONSTRUCTION
-- WORK FOR THE SANTA CLARA PORT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
-- MY PROMISE TO MAKE THIS VISIT BEFORE OCTOBER 15,
-- I SHALL BE IN LIBREVILLE OCTOBER 13 AND 14 AND
-- WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE
-- SOMETIME DURING THAT PERIOD.

-- SINCERELY YOURS,
-- ROY R. STRIEKERT, JR.
-- VICE PRESIDENT
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-- OCEANIC CONTRACTORS, INC.
-- NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, U.S.A.

6. OCEANIC REPS HAVE OBTAINED RESERVATIONS AT OKOUME

PALACE THROUGH INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS CORP., NEW YORK.
THEY ARE IN PROCESS OF PROCURING VISAS.
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